

MEETING DATE:

Monday, February 9, 2009

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room - Town Campus

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:15 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Kokoruda, Traugh, MacDougald, and Gladstone. Also in attendance were Town Attorney Bill Clendenen and Manager of Human Resources Rita Umile.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 a.m. to discuss Personnel.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

1. Personnel

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to exit Executive Session at 8:06 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:16 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Gladstone, Kokoruda, Traugh, and MacDougald.

2. Approval of minutes -

* January 26, 2009

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2009 as amended.

12. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman Gladstone thanked Alma Carroll for all her efforts on the Senior Tax Relief ordinance. He appreciates the fact that the Town departments, boards, and commissions are taking into account the economic conditions while working on their proposed budgets.

VOTE: This motion was approved 4-0-1 (Selectman MacDougald abstained)

* January 24, 2009 - Budget Workshop minutes

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop of January 24, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discuss and take action on hiring professional service as recommended by the Joint Facilities Review Committee for the Town of Madison facilities study (tabled 1/12/09).

DISCUSSION: This item remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discuss and take action on Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Madison and UPSEU/COPS (to amend the current police contract to include the option of payment in lieu of health benefits).

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to **approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Madison and UPSEU/COPS (to amend the current police contract to include the option of payment in lieu of health benefits).**

DISCUSSION: Manager of Human Resources Rita Umile highlighted this amendment to the current police contract will help Madison attract qualified lateral police officers (who are not required to attend the Police Academy) and save money for the Town should a new police officer opt out of health insurance benefits.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on calling a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the purpose of a budget presentation by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education conducted by the Board of Finance in accordance with Town Charter (10.5.A).

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to call a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the purpose of a budget presentation by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education conducted by the Board of Finance in accordance with Town Charter (10.5.A).**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action regarding the role of the Town Landscape Committee.

DISCUSSION: Beach and Recreation Director Scot Erskine outlined the duties of the Town Landscape Committee which has been in existence since 1989. Most of the duties are now being performed by Town departments. He recommended that the charge and frequency of meetings be reviewed. Committee member Sandra Hennen agreed with Scot Erskine's comments.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to have Scot Erskine return to a future Board of Selectmen meeting with a refined charge for the Town Landscape Committee.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Update from the Zoning Board of Appeals on their activities.

UPDATE: Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals Joel Marcus summarized the work his committee is performing, especially addressing the concerns of building larger homes on smaller properties along Madison's shoreline.

6. Update on implementation of 2000 Plan of Conservation and Development.

UPDATE: Zoning Enforcement Officer Marilyn Ozols commented the Town Plan Advisory Committee Status Report is almost two years old and the Town has been following it for ten (10) years. It is in the process of being updated; it will be presented at a March 2009 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and then presented at a Board of Selectmen meeting.

10. Discussion on Ad Hoc Committee to explore Town and Library Retirement Plan Options.

DISCUSSION: As a result of the discussion amongst members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Library Trustees, it was decided that a committee of members from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Library Board of Trustees, and community individuals will be charged to explore Town and Library Retirement Plan options and trends and then return to a future Board of Selectmen meeting with their findings.

11. Discuss and take action on acceptance of Lenore Drive in the Laurel Wood Subdivision as a town road.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to accept **Lenore Drive in the Laurel Wood Subdivision as a Town road.**

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director/Town Engineer Mike Ott commented all the improvements have been completed on Lenore Drive. When the Town accepts a road, they take ownership of the land and maintenance becomes their responsibility. Selectman Kokoruda commented she would like to see the Planning and Zoning Commission develop a policy for naming streets in Town.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on approving the following recommendation from the Island Avenue School Building Committee.

Supplemental Board of Selectmen Resolution: The Board of Selectmen must approve a supplemental resolution giving the Board of Education the authority to apply for a grant from the State Department of Education with resolution to read as follows:

"RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Island Avenue Roof Replacement project."

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the above Resolution.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on acceptance of donations made in memory of Debbie Bunnell for the maintenance and preservation of the Rockland Preserve and Wildflower Trail.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to receive **donations made in memory of Debbie Bunnell for the maintenance and preservation of the Rockland Preserve and Wildflower Trail** with our thanks.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$2,000 from Tax Collector for prior year adjustments for the 2006 Grand List on nine vehicles owned by the leasing company CAMRAC, Inc. which total \$2,001.23.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to open the agenda to change the Special Appropriation request amount from \$2,000 to \$86,000.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Tax Collector Alma Carroll commented the Supreme Court ruled against the Town of Madison on an assessment appeal case for the 2004 and 2005 Grand Lists regarding the open space status of Griswold Airport; the amount of money that needs to be returned is **\$83,892.66**.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve a **Special Appropriation request of \$86,000** from Tax Collector for prior year adjustments for the 2006 Grand List on nine vehicles owned by the leasing company CAMRAC, Inc. which total \$2,001.23 and **\$83,892.66** for the adjustments per the Supreme Court Ruling on the 2004 and 2005 Grand Lists.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to close the agenda.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. Discuss and take action on request from the Department of Public Works for approval of a Special Appropriation for the addition of funds to the Snow Removal budget line item.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve a request from the Department of Public Works for approval of a **Special Appropriation of \$75,000 for the addition of funds to the Snow Removal budget line item**.

DISCUSSION: Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Mike Ott commented that since November 24, 2008 (74 days) employees in the Facilities and Highway Departments have been out treating the roads for a total of 26 days - most of it being overtime. Private contractors were also called in and additional sand and salt needed to be ordered.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve **refunds in the amount of \$5,366.28**.

Refunds

First American Real Estate Tax Service	\$ 2,097.99
Countrywide	3,268.29
Total Refunds	\$ 5,366.28

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman Traugh noted there will be a Board of Education Special Meeting tomorrow evening, Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the Walter C. Polson Middle School, Library Media Center, to discuss and accept their education budget.

Selectman Kokoruda extended sympathy to the families of Al Halliwell and Debbie Bunnell. The next LOCAP meeting is February 11, 2009. The Madison Arts Society Show is ongoing at the Library.

Selectman Gladstone expressed sympathy for the passing of June Ulrich, an employee in the Finance Department - she will be missed. At the recent Beach and Recreation Commission meeting, information on new rates effective for this upcoming spring was distributed. The objective is to recoup the revenue consistent with past programs and to try new programs.

Selectman MacDougald recently met with chairmen of the Land Use committees on open space. He also met with the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) looking at discussing viability of easements in northern Madison.

First Selectman Goldberg noted a new organization is forming along the shoreline which consists of the four First Selectmen from Clinton, Madison, Guilford, and Branford. The purpose is to talk and work with each other regarding joint cooperative activity amongst Town governments including joint purchasing and administrative functions, joint specialized personnel, and joint specialized equipment - to get the most value for money spent.

18. Adjournment

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary